

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1145

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Diana S. Davis on her selection as 2010 Teacher of the Year for Hawkins Elementary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those outstanding educators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Diana S. Davis is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Davis was recently selected as the 2010 Teacher of the Year at Hawkins Elementary School by the Hawkins County School System, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, along with other distinguished Hawkins County teachers, Diana Davis was recently honored at the Hawkins County School System's Teacher of the Year Banquet; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Davis earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from East Tennessee State University (ETSU) in 1978, and received her master's degree in reading from ETSU in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Diana Davis embarked upon her estimable teaching career in Johnson County Schools, teaching grades K-2 from 1978 through 1988; she joined Hawkins County School System, teaching Title I Reading at Rogersville Middle School, during the 1988-1989 school year; and

WHEREAS, she joined the faculty at Hawkins Elementary in 1989 and has taught first and third grades; she presently teaches the fourth grade; and

WHEREAS, an innovative and inspiring leader in education, Ms. Davis is a member of many esteemed educational organizations, including the National Education Association, the Tennessee Education Association, and the Hawkins County Education Association; and

WHEREAS, her leadership activities include serving as the supervising teacher for a Tusculum student teacher, and she is a trained mentor for new teachers; and

WHEREAS, she has been a third-grade team leader and a fourth-grade 4-H sponsor, and is the former chair of the BEP Committee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Davis presently serves as a member of the Reward Committee at Hawkins Elementary and is a member of the Textbook Committee for Hawkins County Schools; and

WHEREAS, in addition, she is the former St. Jude coordinator for Hawkins Elementary School - Grades 3-5, is an honorary member of the National Nominating Committee of the National Young Scholars Program, and is a member of the Accelerated Reading Committee, a member of the School Improvement Committee, and was a member of the fourth-grade hiring committee in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Davis has immersed herself in service to her students and others not only through classroom instruction, but also through her work with such outstanding civic organizations as the Arbor Day Foundation, St. Jude's, Ronald McDonald House, The United Way, March of Dimes, Abandoned Angels Animal Rescue, and the Shepherd Center; and

WHEREAS, Diana Davis has earned the respect and admiration of her community through her meritorious service and her dedication to her students while exuding a tireless enthusiasm and a willingness to try new and innovative methods in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, Ms. Davis is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Diana Davis epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Diana S. Davis on her selection as the 2010 Teacher of the Year at Hawkins Elementary School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.